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In re Application of:

Kazuo TAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/866,853

Examiner: John P. Sheehan

Filed: May 30, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1742

Title: PREPARATION OF RARE EARTH PERMANENT MAGNETS

REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 22, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows. A Notice of Appeal and Three Month Extension of Time are being filed concurrent herewith.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.